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SUBJ: U.S.-NIGER BILATERAL TALKS

1. BOTH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
MOUNKEILA HAVE MADE SPECIAL POINT DURING MY INITIAL
CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM ON EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF
UPCOMING U.S.-NIGER BILATERAL TALKS. PRESIDENT MADE
IT CLEAR THAT HE REGARDS PEACE CORPS ACTIVITIES AS
ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF EXERCISE.

2. THIS UNDERLINES ONCE AGAIN URGENCY OF PEACE CORPS'S
PROVIDING DIRECTOR FOR NIGER SOONEST. IF POSITION
CANNOT BE FILLED IN TIME FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
WHICH LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY, I
HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL INSURE PEACE CORPS ADEQUATELY
REPRESENTED IN BILATERALS BY KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON FROM
WASHINGTON AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. ALSO ASSUME
THAT AS IN PAST, DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE INITIATIVE IN
COORDINATING EXERCISE WHICH SHOULD BE SEEN IN CONTEXT
BROADER THAN THAT OF TALKS BETWEEN AID AND GON.WE
WOULD WARMLY WELCOME AF PARTICIPATION.JAMES

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